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Mr. Ramayyangar, Diwan of Travancore.

Trivandrum
Confidential Novr. 23^d. 1886

CHIEF SECRETARY GOVERNMENT 27 NOV 86

To The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Dear Sir,

1 On the 20th Inst. the Maharaja (Travancore) forwarded to me a memo sent to him by M^r. Ramiengar relating to his proposed retirement, asking my opinion as to the Pension which should be offered to him, and also regarding the advisability or otherwise of granting him three months privilege leave prior to retirement.

2. The Maharaja had, it appears, offered M^r. Ramiengar a retiring pension of Rs 700 per mensem and a lump sum of Rs 10,000, being 1/3^d. of a years salary. The Maharaja stated that for many reasons it would be inconvenient to himself to give M^r. Ramiengar more than one months leave, but that he proposed to give him one months leave, from 10th Decr. to 10th Jan^y., so that he might send in his resignation within that period whilst absent from the State, and so retire without any show of compulsory retirement.

3. M^r. Ramiengar had represented in the memo, that he had refused the Dewanships of Mysore, in deference to.

to the late Maharaja's wishes, and consequently considered himself entitled to consideration.

4. I replied that in my opinion the terms offered to Mr. Ramiengar were sufficiently liberal, that there was no objection to his being granted one months leave, provided that it was stipulated that he should send in his resignation within that period.

5 In the memo. Mr. Ramiengar pointed out that the work of Revenue Settlement and Survey was hardly yet put into perfect working order and that he feared his going at this juncture might fatally injure a scheme for the introduction of which he was responsible.

6 As H.H. had, as far back as the 2nd Octr. informed me that Ramiengar wished "to give up work" by the 1st January I concluded that his retirement on that date was a settled thing, (vide my Confidential of 7th October) but it seems now that the matter was not and has not been definitely settled up to date, although I had communicated to His Highness the purport of your Confidential and D.O. letters of 29th July and 13th October.

7 This morning Mr. Ramiengar called on me and told me he had received a note from His

Highness, and I gathered from him that this note contained the offer I have mentioned viz. Rs 700 per mensem on retirement by Jany 10th (after one months leave on full pay) and a donation of Rs 10,000.

8. Mr. Ramiengar said he thought he was being very illiberally treated, that he expected and desired a pension of Rs 800 per mensem, and that his late Highness had on his deathbed desired to formally engage his services for a term of 3 years on the expiry of the five years term on which he was originally engaged.

I told him that I had never had any intimation whatever of his late Highnesses desire in this respect, and that as far as I was concerned I thought the terms offered to him were liberal.

9 He further intimated to me that his leaving just now would be most prejudicial to the true interests of the State, and that owing to the evil influence over His Highness, possessed by an illiterate Brahmin who is H. H's favorite in the Palace, the whole administration would retrograde into the condition it was in 30 or 40 years ago.

10 I told him that so far as I was personally concerned he must be aware that but for my influence, rightly or wrongly exercised, he would have had to leave the State immediately after the death of the late Maharaja and that I could interfere no further.

11 - In my Confidential of 24th August 1885 I have (in the last para) alluded to the Brahmin spoken of by Mr. Ramiengar. Public rumour attributes to this man an extraordinary and pernicious influence over the Maharaja. In the newspapers of Malabar and Cochin he is spoken of as the I.C.B or Illiterate Cook Boy, and there is not the slightest doubt as to the fact of his influence over the Maharaja, though probably this influence and its effects are considerably exaggerated in report.

12. I have spoken to H.H. on the subject, pointing out how injurious to his reputation all these rumours might be. H.H. naturally avoided the subject and merely said that he did not interfere in any way with the administration.

That this man (known as Sarawani Iyer) does do mischief, I have very little doubt indeed, but it is difficult for me to trace his influence or control it.

13. I succeeded in tracing a satisfactory boundary between the States of Travancore and Cochin in the disputed tract referred to in paras 8 & 9 of my Confidential of 7th September, and my suggestions in regard to this portion of the boundary have been accepted by the States.

I remain, Dear Sir
Sincerely yours
[signature]

Do Lr. Mr. A. d 29.9.85
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Periodical Confidential Report.

The Govt. concur with Mr. Hannyngton in thinking the terms offered to Ramiengar very liberal, and have no desire to interfere in the matter which may be left to H.H. Express satisfaction as to the boundary. J.H.G.

For the Chief Secretary
27.11.86

Council

No. 504 D

Fort St. George.
1st December 1886.

My dear Hannyngton.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Confidential D.O. letter dated 23 Nov. 1886, and to say in reply that Govt. fully agree with you in the opinion that the arrangements which H.H. the Maharaja proposes to make in regard to Ranis' Ensfar are very liberal. H.E. in C. has no wish to interfere in the matter which may be left to H.H.'s discretion. The Govt. are glad to hear of your success in settling the boundary dispute which you last mentioned.

W.?

J. C. Hannyngton, Esq. } Trevandrum } Dated 1/12/86

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Do. to Mr. Hannyngton,

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